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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOI REQUEST TO USE DIEGO GARCIA DETAILS IN PARLIAMENT

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 16296; (B) STATE 264711; (C) STATE 022251

1. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY
FROM LONDON TO PERMIT THE GOI TO USE IN PARLIAMENT SOME
OF THE INFORMATION DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER FRANK MILLS
PRESENTED IN HIS CALL ON DECEMBER 3, REF A. THE GOI
WISHES TO BE ABLE TO CITE IN PARLIAMENT ON DECEMBER 12
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THE FOLLOWING DETAILS PERTAINING TO THE EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA:

- A. THE LENGTHENING OF THE RUNWAY FROM 8,000 TO 12,000 FEET.
- B. THE STATIONING OF 500 TO 600 US PERSONNEL.
- C. THE DEEPENING OF THE LAGOON.
- D. THE BUILDING OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION AND BUNKERING FACILITIES.
- E. THE 35.5 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE AS THE COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

2. ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM REFTELS B AND C, BOTH THE HIGH COMMISSION AND THIS EMBASSY THOUGHT IT BEST LONDON AND WASHINGTON HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS AGAIN ON WHAT BECOMES A DE FACTO OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION. ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE THERE IS MORE TO BE GAINED THAN LOST IN AUTHORIZING THE BRITISH TO APPROVE GOI USE OF THIS INFORMATION. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE THAT THEY PRESENT THE MATERIAL WITHOUT AN INDICATION THAT IT WAS APPROVED BY THE US. OUR RATIONALE ON THAT POINT IS THAT THE GOI MAY COME TO US FOR SUCH INFORMATION IF IT WISHES TO DO SO. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROACHED.

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